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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, change "according to anyone of the preceding claims" and insert -- of claim 1 --.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 10. Solid oxide fuel cell of claim 2, wherein a planar support in form of a porous plate structure supporting on one planar surface a layer of electrode active material and with internally elongated gas supply channels formed inside the structure.